

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has achieved a 66% reduction in new HIV infections among children since 2009. The percentage of pregnant women living with HIV who are accessing antiretroviral medicines to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV increased dramatically to 67% in 2015. Programmatic challenges remain in maintaining women on antiretroviral therapy throughout breastfeeding, as the mother-to-child transmission rate of 8% at six weeks rises to 15% at the end of the breastfeeding period. Paediatric diagnosis and treatment are areas for continued focus: in 2015 only 17% of infants exposed to HIV received early infant diagnosis, and 22% of children living with HIV accessed antiretroviral therapy.



3300

NEW INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN IN 2015



7 OUT OF 10

PREGNANT WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV ACCESSING ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD-TRANSMISSION OF HIV



66%

DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN, 2009–2015

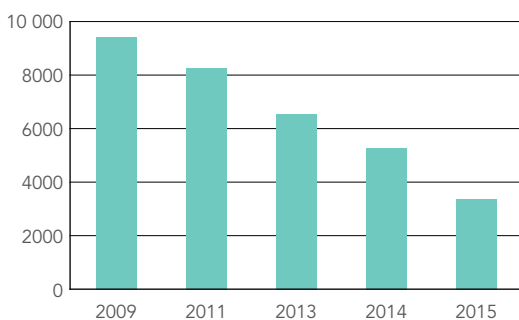


15%

RATE OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION, INCLUDING DURING BREASTFEEDING

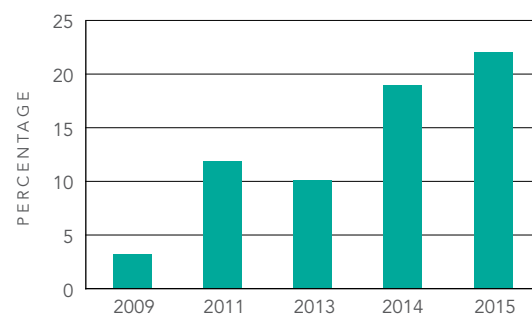
NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN

Number of new HIV infections among children (aged 0–14 years)



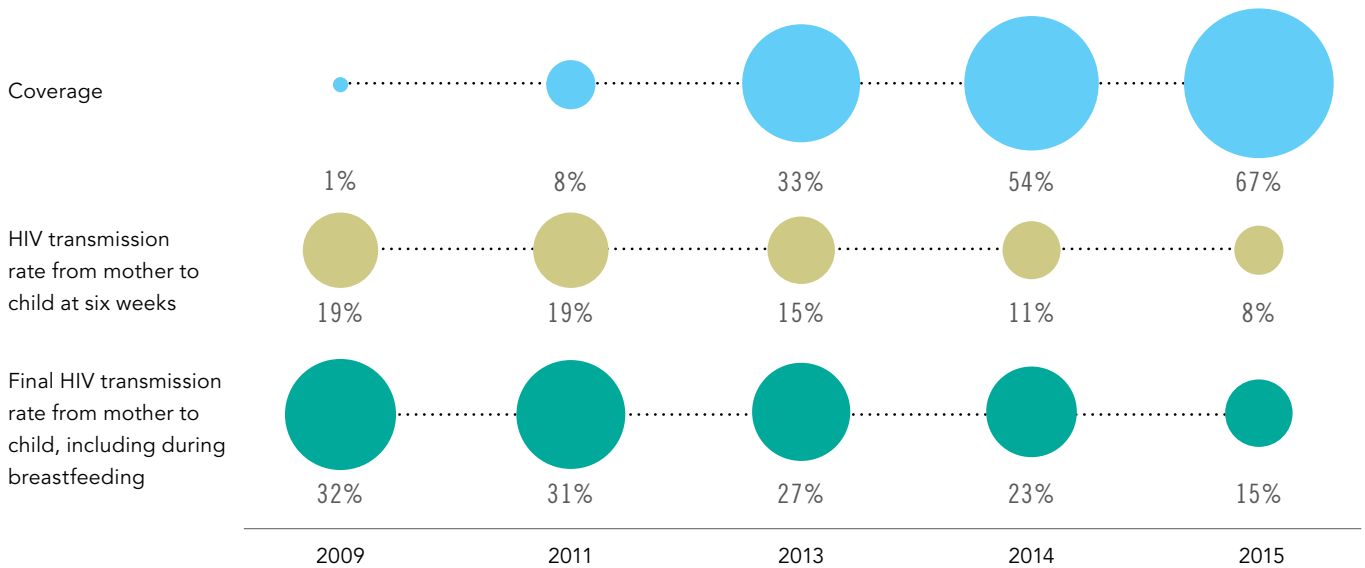
ART COVERAGE AMONG CHILDREN

Percentage of children (aged 0–14 years) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy



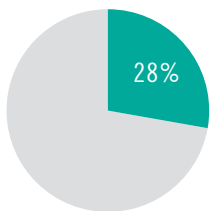
COVERAGE VS. TRANSMISSION

Increasing coverage of antiretroviral medicines has translated into decreasing rates of HIV transmission from mother to child



FAMILY PLANNING—UNMET NEED

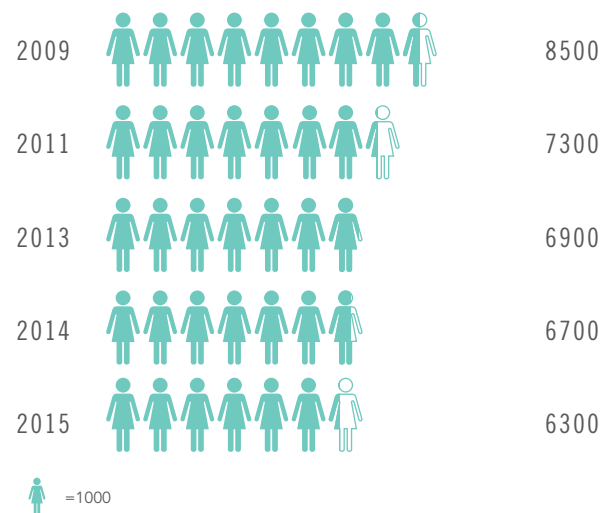
Percentage of unmet need for family planning



Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2014, all currently married women (aged 15–49 years).

WOMEN ACQUIRING HIV INFECTION

The number of women (aged 15–49 years) acquiring HIV decreased by 26% since 2009



Source: UNAIDS 2016 estimates, unless otherwise noted. Every year, countries update their HIV estimates, including the historical trends of those estimates. The 2016 results reflect updated surveillance and programme data and improved models. The 2016 estimates are likely to differ to estimates produced in earlier years and are believed to be more accurate. Paediatric antiretroviral therapy coverage is based on all children living with HIV, while in previous years it was restricted to children eligible for antiretroviral therapy.

EARLY INFANT DIAGNOSIS

Percentage of infants born to women living with HIV receiving a virological test by two months of age

